

	Texas	Florida	Delaware	California
Title:	Sunset Advisory Commission	Joint Sunset Committee	Joint Sunset Committee	Joint Sunset Review Committee
Population:	24,782,302 ¹	18,537,969 ²	885,122 ³	36,961,664 ⁴
State employees per 1000 residents:	12	10	30	11
Sunset creation:	1977 ⁵	2006 ⁶	1979 ⁷	2010 ⁸
Dedicated staff:	32 ⁹	4	1 ¹⁰	1
Allied staff/organizations:	State Auditor, Legislative Budget Board, Legislative Committees ¹¹	Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, Auditor General ¹²	Division of Research of Legislative Council and of the Office of the Controller General ¹³	Legislative policy committees, Bureau of State Audits, Legislative Analyst's Office, Little Hoover Commission
Committee composition:	12: 5 House members, 5 Senate members, 2 public members ¹⁴	10: 5 Senate, 5 House of Representatives ¹⁵	10: 5 Senators, 5 members of the House of Representatives ¹⁶	10: 5 Assemblymembers, 5 Senators ¹⁷
Term limits?	No ¹⁸	Yes: 8 years, House, Senate, and Governor ¹⁹	No ²⁰	Yes: 6 years, Assembly; 8 years, Senate ²¹
How entities are selected for evaluation:	Legislature schedules agencies for review by function ²²	Enabling legislation; entities are grouped together by function ²³	Entities are suggested by legislators and voted on by the JSC members in May/June. ²⁴	Sunset dates are determined by legislation.
Number of reviewable entities:	+/- 150 ²⁵	33 ²⁶	450+ ²⁷	550+
Entities reviewed per year:	20-30 ²⁸	4-6 ²⁹	4-7, depending on complexity	4-5 ³⁰
Notable:	Certain agencies, such as universities and courts, are not subject to the Sunset Act. Some constitutionally created agencies, such as the Board of Pardons and	The Joint Legislative Sunset Committee was not funded in the FY 2010-11 General Appropriations Act, and the Committee ceased operations on June 30,	The purpose of [Sunset Review] is not to terminate agencies which are sufficiently meeting a recognized State need and which are accountable to and	Constitutionally created agencies or those relating to postsecondary education are excluded from review by statute. ³²

	Paroles and the Board of Trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, are subject to Sunset review but not abolishment.	2010.	responsive to the public interests. Rather, the purpose of [Sunset Review] is to use the review mechanism to strengthen and support these agencies. ³¹	
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¹ 2009 US Census: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/48000.html>

² 2009 US Census: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/12000.html>

³ 2009 US Census: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/10000.html>

⁴ 2009 US Census: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/06000.html>

⁵ Sunset Advisory Commission, "Guide to the Sunset Process," <http://www.sunset.state.tx.us/guide.pdf>

⁶ Florida Government Accountability Act, 2006, Florida Statutes Sections 11.901 – 11.920

⁷ Delaware Code Title 29, Chapter 102

⁸ AB 1659 (Huber) Chapter 666, Statutes of 2010

⁹ Sunset Advisory Commission Web site, Sunset Staff <http://www.sunset.state.tx.us/staff.htm>

¹⁰ <http://legis.delaware.gov/Sunset/Sunset.nsf/General+Info/JSC+Staff?opendocument>

¹¹ Sunset Advisory Commission, "Guide to the Sunset Process," p.5 <http://www.sunset.state.tx.us/guide.pdf>

¹² Florida Statutes, 11.904

¹³ Delaware Code Title 29, Chapter 102, Section 10204

¹⁴ Texas Government Code Section 325.003

¹⁵ Florida Statutes, 11.903 3(a)

¹⁶ Delaware Code Title 29, Chapter 102, Section 10203(a)

¹⁷ California Government Code 9147.7(e)

¹⁸ 2009 National Conference of State Legislatures Chart of Term Limit States: <http://www.ncsl.org/Default.aspx?TabId=14844>, Texas has a part-time legislature that meets for 140 days every two years. Texas Constitution, Article 3, Sections 5 and 24.

¹⁹ Florida Constitution, Article VI, Section 4(b). Florida has a part-time legislature, meeting 60 days per year. Florida Constitution, Article III, Section 3.

²⁰ State of Delaware website: <http://legis.delaware.gov/Legislature.nsf/Lookup/FAQ?open>. Delaware has a part-time legislature, meeting the second Tuesday of January until June 30. Delaware Constitution, Article II, Section 4.

²¹ Proposition 130, 1990, amending the California Constitution, Article IV

²² Sunset Advisory Commission, "Frequently Asked Questions," available at <http://www.sunset.state.tx.us/faq.htm>

²³ Florida Statutes, 11.905

²⁴ Debbie Puzzo, Executive Director Joint Sunset Committee, email to the author, April 9, 2011.

²⁵ Sunset Advisory Commission, "Frequently Asked Questions," available at <http://www.sunset.state.tx.us/faq.htm>

²⁶ Florida Statutes, 11.905; does not separate individual committee/commissions

²⁷ Debbie Puzzo, Executive Director Joint Sunset Committee, email to the author, April 9, 2011.

²⁸ Sunset Advisory Commission, "Guide to the Sunset Process," <http://www.sunset.state.tx.us/guide.pdf>

²⁹ Florida Statutes, 11.905

³⁰ Estimated.

³¹ Delaware Code, Title 29, Chapter 102, Section 10202(c)

³² California Government Code Section 9147.7(a)

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